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(a) One out of every twelve appointments.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) No representation has been received by Government. But the Andhra Provincial Depressed Classes Federation, Ellore, which waited on His Excellency the Governor at Ellore on the 8th February 1935 requested *inter alia* that the proportion be raised to 3 out of 12. Government, however, decided that it is undesirable to reopen the question of the communal rule.

## Cinchona

*Supervision by the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Cinchona) of the Dodabetta and Naduvattam plantations and the Anamalais since 1933–34.*

* 624 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of superintendents for the Dodabetta and Naduvattam plantations and Anamalais employed by the Government;

(b) the number of visits made by the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Cinchona) to supervise the work of superintendents in each of the years from 1933–34; and

(c) the travelling allowance drawn by the officer during the last three years?

*A.*—(a) 2.

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| (b) | In 1933 ... ... ... ... ... | 8 |
| | In 1934 ... ... ... ... ... | 9 |
| | In 1935 ... ... ... ... ... | 11 |
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| (c) | In 1933 ... ... ... ... ... | 1,274 |
| | In 1934 ... ... ... ... ... | 1,810 |
| | In 1935 ... ... ... ... ... | 574 |

## Electricity

*Tenders for the construction of high tension transmission line from Mettur-Singarappet to Vellore and from Mettur to Erode.*

* 625 *Q.*—B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Engineer for Electricity has invited tenders for the construction of 66/110 K.V. high tension transmission line from Mettur-Singarappet to Vellore and from Mettur to Erode;

(b) the total estimated cost of this transmission line;

(c) whether the time of putting in tenders was first mentioned as 3rd January 1936 and later cut short to 3rd December 1935;

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(*d*) why in a contract of this magnitude they considered it advisable to cut short the time allowed to tenders by one month; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that 66 K.V. and higher voltage transmission system do not occur in any private or municipal licensee's transmission works but only in Government Hydro-Electric schemes?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The total estimated cost of the transmission lines is Rs. 26·84 lakhs.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) "3rd January 1936" was an error and the date was corrected to "3rd December 1935." The latter date allows the usual interval of time for tendering.

(*e*) Yes.

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur :—"May I know, Sir, how this mistake occurred as regards the date with reference to the answer to clause (*d*)?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—"It is not possible to say. To err is human."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur :—"But in view of the fact that a later date was given publicity, was it proper for the Government to stick to it rather than give the time allowed?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—"The Chief Engineer probably thought, as stated in the answer, that time up to December would be quite sufficient."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur :—"In view of the fact that publicity was given to 3rd January, is it not fair that Government allowed that time?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—"That would have been the case if the correction had taken some time. Probably it was corrected three or four days after the publication."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur :—"With reference to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) I would like to know whether that condition is imposed in order to keep out Indian concerns from tendering?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—"Absolutely no such intention."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—"May I know whether the revised date was intimated to all companies to which the original notice was sent?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—"I want notice. Every step was taken to see that all persons concerned were made aware of it."